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- 1. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL AUTHORIZE PAROLE FOR 7,000 BOAT REFUGEES ON JANUARY 25 FOLLOWING HEARINGS ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION ON JANUARY 24. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MATERIAL WILL BE DEVELOPED AT THE HEARING WHICH WOULD FURTHER DELAY THE AUTHORIZATION OF THIS PAROLE. IN THE INTERIM SOME CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE.
- 2. POSTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF OUR STRONG EXPECTATION THAT WE WILL SHORTLY BE IN A POSITION TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR CURRENT BOAT REFUGEE POPULATION UNCLASSIFIED

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AS WELL AS THOSE WHO MAY ARRIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF BOATS WERE HELD OFF SHORE OR SENT AWAY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WHICH WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER THIS PROGRAM. EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT THERE ARE SOME CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS AVAILABLE WHICH CAN BE APPLIED TO BOATS ARRIVING OVER THE NEXT WEEK. THUS, RATHER THAN ALLOWING BOATS TO BE HELD OFF SHORE OR TURNED AWAY EMBAS-

SIES SHOULD REQUEST HOST GOVERNMENTS TO NOTIFY US OF THE

EXISTENCE OF THE BOATS AND GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUARANTEES SO THAT THESE BOATS CAN PROMPTLY LAND.

- 3. BOTH EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR AND EMBASSY BANGKOK ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE GUARANTEES IN SUCH CASES AS NEEDED FOR EACH POST. EMBASSIES MAY ALSO AUTHORIZE CONSULS TO EXTEND SUCH GUARANTEES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE MET IN THE FUTURE EITHER FROM CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS OR FROM THE PAROLE EXPECTED TO BE AUTHORIZED ON JANUARY 25. EMBASSIES SHOULD COORDINATE THIS APPROACH WITH LOCAL UNHCR REP AND OTHER MISSIONS WITH ACTIVE REFUGEE PROGRAMS SINCE RARE CASE INELIGIBLE UNDER INA WILL HAVE TO BE RESETTLED ELSEWHERE.
- 4. REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ANY SUCH GUARANTEES EXTENDED. THIS AUTHORITY APPLIES UNTIL COB JAN. 25 WASHINGTON TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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